

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed 1 DECEMBER 2003. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration with an eye toward allowance is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claims 12-21 are pending after entry of the present amendment. Claims 6-11 stand rejected. Claims 6-11 are cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer towards presenting them in a related application. Claims 12-21 are added herein. A complete listing of all claims that are, or were in the application, along with an appropriate status identifier, is provided above in the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims". Markings are provided on claims amended in the present amendment.

Support for the above claim amendments can be found throughout the originally filed specification, drawings, and claims.

Drawings

Applicant submits a corrected Figure 1 showing the addition of reference numbers 110 and 160 in red ink. Applicant trusts that the objection to the drawings will be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 11. Without admitting the propriety of the rejection, Applicant has canceled claim 11.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 6-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fry (U.S. Patent Number 6,415,341).

Without admitting the propriety of the rejection, Applicant has cancelled claims 6-11.

New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 12-21. In an effort to expedite the allowance of these claims, Applicant will discuss the claims with reference to the art of record.

With regard to the Fry reference, Applicant submits that Fry does not disclose or suggest a "protocol converter coupled to the register device and the first peripheral device, the protocol converter configured to receive information from the first peripheral device according to the first protocol and communicate the information using TCP/IP", as recited in independent claim 12. The Examiner concedes

that Fry does not suggest a protocol converter communicating using TCP/IP (see office action mailed 5/12/03, page 4).

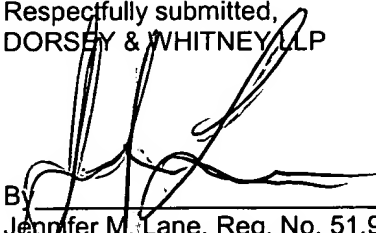
Further, with regard to Wagner (U.S. Patent Number 5,742,845), applicant submits that Wagner further fails to disclose or suggest a "protocol converter coupled to the register device and the first peripheral device, the protocol converter configured to receive information from the first peripheral device according to the first protocol and communicate the information using TCP/IP". Rather, Wagner discloses that "... an operation at a terminal with non-standard I/O devices may activate a terminal file with a hot key or other action. In processing the activated file, the client program may acquire data which is stored in a local variable or accessible through a non-standard I/O device. This data may then be stored in a FORM and submitted to a server file at a processing system address." Accordingly, Wagner discloses a method of communication with non-standard I/O devices involving activated files and FORMS.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that for at least these reasons, claims 12-20 are patentable over the art of record. Applicant has added a method claim (Claim 21) analogous with claim 12 and patentable over the art of record for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

If after review, the Examiner feels there are further unresolved issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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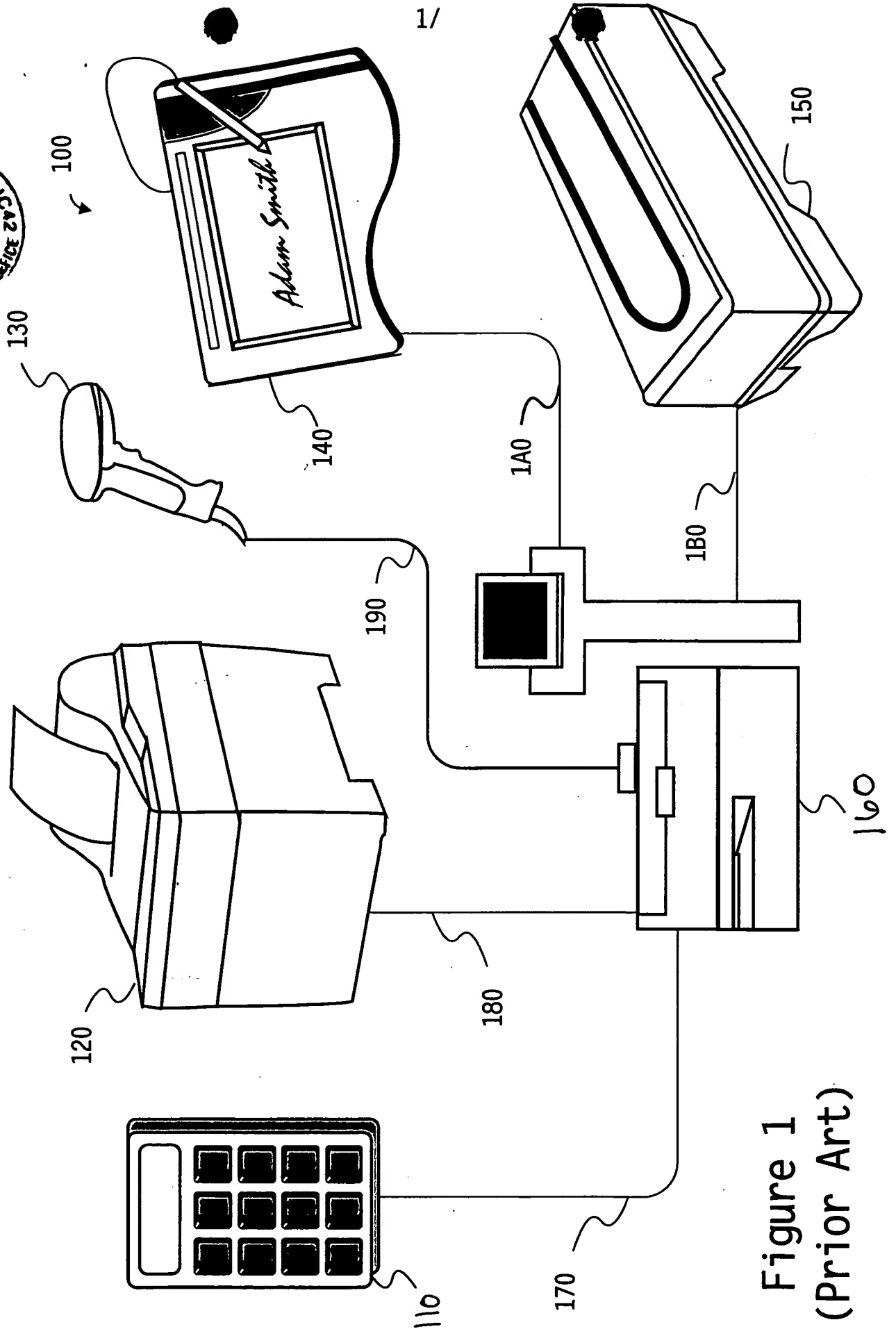


Figure 1
(Prior Art)